



# *Ardagh and Moydow*

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## **Weekday Masses (Online and parish radio only)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Ardagh	Intention for exams
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Ardagh	<b>No Mass today</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Ardagh	Mass of St. Pio
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	Ardagh	Special Intention
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	Moydow	Eileen Farrell (Month's Mind)

## **Weekend Masses (Online and parish radio only)**

Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am	Ardagh	Gerard, Tom and Catherine Flood also deceased family members (A)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	11.00am	Ardagh	Antoinette, John Joe and Kathleen Lenehan also Elizabeth and Patrick McCormack (Anniversary)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May (Bank Holiday)	12noon	Ardagh	Michael Byrne (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	Ardagh	Mary Farrell, Croshea (Anniversary) Patrick Carey and deceased family members (A)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	Ardagh	Tom Dennigan (Anniversary)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	11.00am	Ardagh	Pentecost Sunday Michael Reilly (A) Dermot Noone (A)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	Ardagh	Billy and Brigid Halligan (Anniversary)

**Please note Mass in Moydow Church on Saturday evening's will resume when restrictions are eased.**

### **Rest in Peace:**

We pray for the happy repose of the souls of: Kathleen Mullohand late of Glen and Co. Antrim whose funeral took place in Antrim last week. Also, for John Kenny, Longford who was laid to rest on Friday. Our sincere sympathy to their families, relatives and friends. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Vocation Sunday:** In Jesus's time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job. Sheep became easily lost and the shepherd's job was to guide them back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into the pen. But it had no gate, so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked during the night. The shepherds lay down their lives for their flock. John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the hired hand who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble.

This Good Shepherd Sunday (Vocation Sunday) the Gospel describes Jesus as the genuine shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us. The Gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They "follow him" and it is not on Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a genuine relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told, "I know my own and my own know me". We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal and more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us.

**Parental Alienation Awareness Day:** Today is the International Parental Alienation Awareness Day. This day highlights a particular form of domestic abuse that takes place when one parent tries to distance his or her children, without reason or justification, from the other parent when a marriage or relationship ends. Such a denial of the rights of children to have a loving relationship with both parents has long-lasting and damaging consequences for a child. For more information about the issue log on to [www.alienated.ie](http://www.alienated.ie).

**New Parish Website:** The parish website has never been updated for years. I've updated to a more beautiful and user friendly website. The parish of Ardagh and Moydow has so much to offer and it's only right that the parish have a beautiful and up to date website, so that people from abroad and locally can view the website and especially keep up with the weekly newsletter. The new parish webcam has a link on the new website. The website for the parish can be assessed at: [ardaghmoydowparish.com](http://ardaghmoydowparish.com)

Thanks to Martin McGinn for designing it along with SL media productions, Fr. Vinny and Mary Carey.

**Ardagh Girl Guides:** Anyone with a Guide Hoodie, Brownie or Ladybird top that they would like to pass on, please contact Jacinta Farrell or Clair Baxter to arrange drop off/collection. Guides and Brownies are continuing to meet online thru Zoom, contact Joanna Pearson 086 2372616.

**Bank of Ireland Parish Loan:** The Bank of Ireland parish loan amount stands at € 215,714.00 OD. I've met with Dermot Horan from the Bank of Ireland to re schedule a new time frame for the repayment of this outstanding parish loan. I've been paying €1,000 a month since January of this year and will continue to do so till October of this year. From the 15<sup>th</sup> November this year we will be repaying €2,175.00 every month with the loan to clear in full by the 15/04/2026. I really appreciate all those in the parish who are generous with the building fund and the weekly envelopes. Unfortunately, there are many in the parish who do not contribute at all and this makes it more difficult in going forward. I sincerely appreciate all of you who are contributing even in these difficult lockdown/restriction times.

**Parish Sacraments (New dates and can be subject to change with government guidelines)**

**First Confessions:**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in St Brigid's Church, Ardagh.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in St Brigid's Church, Ardagh.

**First Holy Communion:**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 11am and 2pm in St Brigid's Church, Ardagh.

**Confirmation:**

*Ceremony of Light:* Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 10am in St Brigid's Church, Ardagh.

*Confirmation Ceremony:* Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 11am and 2pm in St Brigid's Church, Ardagh.

**Government Guidelines on Funerals:** On the 26<sup>th</sup> April the new government guidelines will allow 25 people to attend funeral ceremonies in the churches. Weddings still remain at 6 people. No christenings are allowed yet, hopefully in May.